[English]

Growth with Equity

3844. DR. C. SILVERA : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any meeting of the Planning Commission was organised in recent past;

(b) if so, the details alongwith objectives thereof;

(c) whether the meeting was for adoption of theme 'Growth with Equity' for the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Meetings of the Full Planning Commission were held recently on 19th August, 1996 and 29th November, 1996.

(b) The Full Planning Commission meeting on 19th August, 1996 considered the following agenda items :

(i) Programme of work for the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(ii) Greater Autonomy and flexibility for the States in drawing up development plans and programmes;

(iii) Follow up action of the recommendations of the Chief Ministers' Conference held on 4th and 5th July, 1996;

(iv) Report of the NDC Committee on Power;

(v) Agenda and date for the next National Development Council (NDC) meeting.

The meeting of the Full Planning Commission held on 29th November, 1996 considered the draft Approach Paper to the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-2002).

(c) to (d). The draft Approach Paper to the Ninth Five Year Plan include the thrust areas and priorities of the Ninth Plan. The Full Planning Commission meeting on 29th November, 1996 considered this as part of the excercises to finalise the draft Approach Paper for the approval of the National Development Council.

[Translation]

Reorganisation of Development Blocks

3845. SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHLE : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to reorganise new Development Blocks by delimitation of present Development Blocks in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be reorganised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). There is no proposal with the Centre at present to reorganise new Development Blocks.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

LPG Agencies

3846. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of gas agencies functioning in Punjab district-wise which have not been allotted any fresh connections during the last three years or more since the inception of these agencies;

(b) the number of gas agencies which have been allotted the gas connection during this period and the number of connections allotted to each agency, district-wise, and the criteria being followed while making allotment of fresh connections to such agencies;

(c) the number of application received by the Chairman, Indian Oil Corporation through hon'ble Members of Parliament for allotment of fresh connections to such agencies in Punjab; and

(d) the time by which these agencies are likely to be allotted gas connections with a view to clear the wait listed persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R BAALU) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Illegal Constructions

3847. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any enquiry has been conducted regarding the ongoing illegal constructions in village Masjid Moth (Uday Park);

(b) if so, the findings thereof alongwith the names of the officials involved therein; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken against the offenders and officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c). The M.C.D. has reported that no enquiry has been conducted

regarding the on-going illegal construction in village Masjid Moth (Uday Park) However, a complaint was received about unauthorised constructions in two properties in this village. After investigation 11 officials were charge-sheeted and were shifted from their present positions. Action against unauthorised construction is taken by M.C.D. under the DMC Act.

Wastage of Oil Products

3848. SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have conducted any study to find out the extent to which oil products are being wasted in the country;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any strategy to harness the petroleum resources to the optimum and to give a thrust to the entire field of oil conservation has been or is being worked out; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. An inter-ministerial working group had undertaken a study with the objective of finding outs the ways and means for restricting wasteful practices in utilisation of petroleum products and conversion efforts to be adopted in the various sectors of economy. The study has identified a potential for conservation of petroleum products upto 20% in transport sector, 25% in industrial sectors, 30% in agricultural sector and 20% in domestic sector.

(c) and (d). Government have initiated various steps to promote conservation measures for petroleum products in the transport, industrial, agricultural and domestic sectors. These includes adoption of measures and practices which are conducive to increase fuel efficiency and training programme in the transport sctor; boilers modernisation, replacement of furnaces and other oil operated equipments with efficient ones and promotion of fuel efficient practices and equipment in the industrial sector; standardisation of fuel efficient irrigation pumpsets and rectification of existing pumpsets to make them more energy efficient in the agricultural sector and development as well as promotion of the use of fuel efficient equipment and appliances like kerosene and LPG stoves in the household sector. For conservation of petroleum products, the oil refineries have undertaken/planned use of sophisticated technology, advanced control instruments and process control techniques, upgradation of low efficiency furnaces/power generating equipments, special attention to steam consumption, steam leaks and condensate recovery, Joint energy audit etc.

Government have also set up Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) which act as the nodal catalysing agency for promoting conservation of petroleum products.

Backlog of SC/ST

3849. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of backlog of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes employees in Central Government departments, category-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken this year to make good the backlog under the special drive undertaken by Government indicating the target contemplated, Category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b). Central Government Department have so far reported the following backlog vacancies for the Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes under the Sixth Special Recruitment Drive, 1996 for the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes :

	Scheduled Caste	Scheduled Tribe
Group A	151	112
Group B	164	118
Group C	2127	1932
Group D	578	1280

All Departments have been asked to fill up backlog vacancies by 31.3.1997, under the Special Recruitment Drive 1996.

[Translation]

Allotment

3850. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Members of Parliament who applied to the Delhi Development Authority for the allotment of DDA flats since 1992 till date;

(b) the criteria adopted for allotment of DDA flats to Members of Parliament;

(c) the number of Members of Parliament allotted flats on priority basis; and

(d) the time by which the flats are likely to be allotted to the remaining Members of Parliament?